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Letter dated 13 April 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Please find attached the statement issued by Ahmed Bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Qatar, and Djibrill Bassole, African Union-United Nations Joint Chief Mediator, in Doha on 7 April 2010, confirming the continuation of the negotiations on Darfur after the ongoing elections in the Sudan and calling upon all parties to effectively participate (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement by the Mediation

Ahmed Bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, and Djibrill Bassolé, the African Union-United Nations Joint Chief Mediator for Darfur, issued the following statement:

The Mediation welcomed the framework agreement signed between the Government of the Sudan and the Justice and Equality Movement on 23 February 2010, which includes a ceasefire declaration, and also welcomed the framework agreement and ceasefire agreement between the Government of the Sudan and the Liberation and Justice Movement signed on 18 March 2010.

The Mediation affirms that the signing of these agreements is a quantum leap and a crucial phase of the ongoing Doha peace process, which is considered a culmination of the efforts exerted by the Mediation with the parties, in coordination with all regional and international partners in the Darfur peace process.

In this context, the Mediation earnestly calls on the parties to fully comply with the declared ceasefire, with a view to promoting confidence among the parties, improving the security and humanitarian conditions in Darfur, creating an environment conducive to negotiations and alleviating the sufferings of the population in Darfur.

The Mediation further confirms the continuation of the negotiations after the upcoming elections scheduled to be held in the Sudan during April, calling upon all parties to effectively participate in the negotiations, which will be predicated on the negotiation topics agreed upon in the foregoing agreements.

In the meantime, the Mediation will organize technical workshops for capacity-building while intensifying consultations with Darfurian civil society on the prospects of the peace process in order to lend impetus to the negotiations which will continue next May, following the end of the elections in accordance with a specific time frame to be duly announced by the Mediation.

The Mediation calls upon the parties which have not yet joined the negotiations to seize this opportunity and do their utmost to catch up with the negotiations aimed at reaching a just and lasting peace in Darfur.

Doha, 7 April 2010